Environmental pollution by fertiliser plant in Gajraula

55. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the high environmental pollution with gas and acid fumes from a fertiliser and acid plant in the Gajraula (Moradabad) industrial area, causing various types of diseases among the residents of the surrounding areas besides cattle deaths; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Government is aware of the pollution problems from the fertilizer and acid plant at Gajraula, Moradabad. However, there is no conclusive evidence as to whether the plant is directly responsible for disease among the residents of the surrounding areas and cattle deaths.

(b) At the instance of the U. P. State Pollution Control Board, the measures which have been taken in the plant include the following:—

—Switch over to double conversion double absorption process to reduce emission of sulphur dioxide;

—Scrubbers for separation of alkali;

—Acid-mist eliminators; and

—Recycling of treated wastes

Traces of radioactive fall out from Chernobyl in Air India flights

56. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traces of radioactive fall out from the accident in Chernobyl Power Plant in the Soviet Union were detected recently in Air India flights coming from that country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the measures taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Radioactive fall out from Chernobyl Power Plant accident was detected first in a flight coming from Moscow on May 2, 1986 and thereafter it was detected on the New York-Bombay and Tokyo Bombay flights as well. The levels of radioactivity were too small to warrant any special measures.

Secessionist activities in the North-Eastern States

57. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent spurt of secessionist activities in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether this is a result of the increasing involvement of foreign agencies in such activities; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and